

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the elected claims were rejected in view of the cited prior art. In response, some of those claims have been cancelled, while the remaining claims have been amended in a manner which is believed to be patentably distinct over that prior art. Also, three new dependent claims have been added.

For these various reasons Applicant solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

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